88 has asked Government to enhance/review pay scales in the case of those draftsmen in MES who have filed the case in CAT, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the pay scales of draftmen have been reviewed by Government, as directed by the CAT Principal Bench;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when their pay scales are likely to be reviewed/enhanced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Principal Bench of CAT, New Delhi in OA No. 1929/88 had directed the Government to place the applicants therein who were Draftsmen Grade I and Grade II in the revised scale of Rs. 550-750 and Rs. 425-700 (pre-revised) respectively, notionally with effect from 13-5-82 with actual benefit with effect from 1-11-1983. Necessary Government sanction in implementation of the CAT judgement was issued in April, 1992.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Sufficiency in defence production

3108. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present level of defence production is sufficient for the country or whether more defence production is reqired;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to set up new defence production units during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) whether any long term plan has been drawn in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) We have now a firm defence production base in the country comprising 39 ordnance factories, 8 defence public sector undertakings and the civil sector which is considered adequate to match the requirements of the defence forces. These units have the capability to adapt to meet the future demands. In view of adequate production facilities already available, there is no proposal at present to set up a new ordnance factory, but to cater to demands for new products some investments of balancing nature may have to be made.

New aircrafts obtained by I.A.F.

3109. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the new types of combat aircrafts that have been obtained by the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether these are sufficient to meet our present defence requirements;

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to see that our requirements are properly met; and

(d) whether these aircrafts have been imported and if so, from which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No new type of Combat aircraft has been inducted into the IAF during last 5 years.

(b) to (d) The Government continuously monitors the requirements of the Defence Services in the context of existing and anticipated threat and takes necessary measures to ensure adequate defence preparedness.

Unemployed ex-servicemen in Maharashtra

3110. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen still unemployed in Maharashtra;

(b) what is being done to see that the ex-servicemen get gainful employment;

(c) to what extent is the Government of Maharashtra cooperating in this regard;

(d) whether Government are aware that there is no proper coordination between the agencies of the State and the Central Government; and

(e) what is being done to see that there is proper coordination in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) As per available information, as on 31st December, 1993, there were 17,092 ex-servicemen registered for employment assistance with the Zila Sainik Boards in Maharashtra.

(b) Government have taken various steps to provide gainful employment opportunities to the ex-servicemen. These inter alia comprise reservaion of posts in the Central and the State Governments, Public Sector Uundertakings and Nationalised Banks and relaxation in the prescribed maximum age limits and educational qualifications for appointment of ex-servicemen. A variety of training programmes are conducted for ex-servicemen to improve their employment potential. Several schemes are also in operation to provide assistance to the ex-servicemen in self-employment ventures.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra is providing full cooperation in this regard.

(d) and (e) Proper and full cooperation exists between the agencies of the Central and State Governments.

Production in Ordnance factories

3111. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance factories in India and the value of their production during the last three years;

(b) what are the parametres for judging their efficiency;

(c) to what extent they are being modernised; and

(d) whether their accounts have been audited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There are 39 ordnance factories in India. The gross value of production (including inter factory transfer of components) of these factories in the last three years has been as follows:—

(Rs in crores)

Year	Gross value of production
1990-91	2319
1991-92	2178
1992-93	2387

(b) Major parameters for judging efficiency of ordnance factories are the value of production, productivity, inventory management and conformance to quality standards.

(c) Modernisation of ordnance factories is an on-going process and includes replacement and renewal of old plant and machinery and introduction of state-of-the-art technology in selected areas.

(d) Accounts of ordnance factories are audited by the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) and are also subject to statutory audit by the Comptroler and Auditor General (CAG).

Turnover of CSD

3112. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total turnover of the Canteen Stores Department during the last three years;

(b) what were the profits or losses of the department during these years; and